

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 16, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 27 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 2-11 and 15-28 are presented for examination.

Claims 16-18 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant submits that claim 16 has been amended to appear in proper condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 15 are allowed, that claims 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the above objection and that claims 19-28 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, discussed below.

Claims 19-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that the rejection has been obviated by the amendment of claims 19, 21, 22, 24 and 27 to appear in proper condition for allowance. Thus, the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.


The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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